

REMARKS

Claims 1-56 are now pending in the present application. Claims 1-31 have been canceled herein without prejudice by preliminary amendment. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional or other continuing applications directed to the cancelled claims. It is further noted that the present application comprises a photocopy of the parent application as filed.

Additionally, the specification has been amended to include a paragraph which reflects the priority claim to the parent application, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/326,342 filed June 4, 1999. Support for the above-presented amendments can be found throughout the subject U.S. patent application as filed. No new matter has been added.

A computer readable form of the Sequence Listing for the present divisional application is filed herewith. The computer readable form is identical to the paper copy of the Sequence Listing, and embodies an ASCII DOS file in an IBM PC compatible format. A Statement that the paper copy of the Sequence Listing and the computer readable copy are the same is also enclosed.

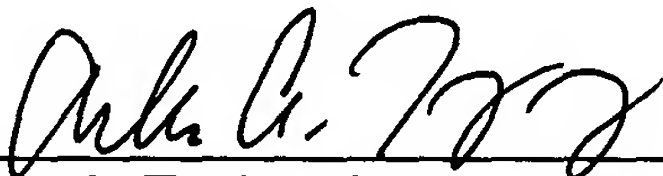
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